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Improving bicycle and pedestrian connections throughout the SR 520 corridor

The Washington State Department of Transportation is committed to improving connectivity, access and safety in the SR 520 corridor for all users, including bicyclists and pedestrians. The SR 520 Bridge Replacement and HOV Program will create a safer and more reliable SR 520 from I-5 in Seattle to I-405 on the Eastside.

As part of these improvements, we are building a dedicated path for bicyclists and pedestrians. The path stretches across Lake Washington with access to existing local and regional trails.



Pedestrians and bicyclists enjoy the new SR 520 regional shared-use path now open from Bellevue to Lake Washington.



The regional shared-use path will offer bicyclists and pedestrians connections to Seattle trails when it reaches Montlake in summer 2017.

A scenic, nonmotorized way across Lake Washington

The new floating bridge and west approach bridge will include a separated 14-foot-wide bicycle and pedestrian path on the north side of the structures, connecting nonmotorized travelers to and from Seattle and the Eastside.

The cross-lake path includes belvederes on the floating bridge to provide scenic viewpoints and resting areas for bikers, joggers and walkers. Bicyclists and pedestrians don't pay a toll to cross the bridge.

Regional path's connections to existing trails

The new path will provide new recreation and commuting options for bicyclists and pedestrians throughout the SR 520 corridor.

When fully built, the new bicycle and pedestrian path will connect to local and regional trails, including:

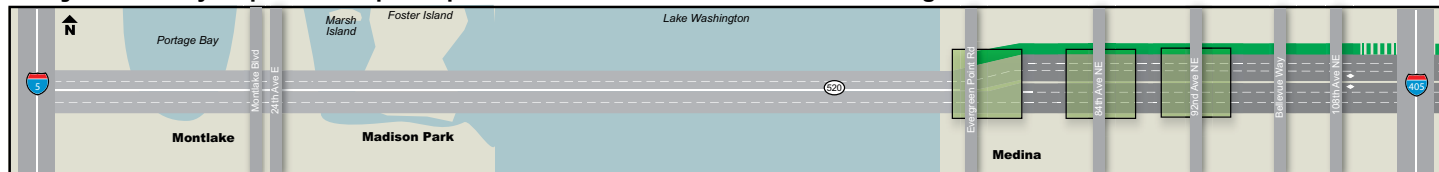
- Points Loop Trail
- Burke-Gilman Trail
- Washington Park Arboretum Waterfront Trail
- Bill Dawson Trail
- Existing SR 520 Trail east of I-405

The path will also provide new connections to nearby transit hubs and regional institutions.

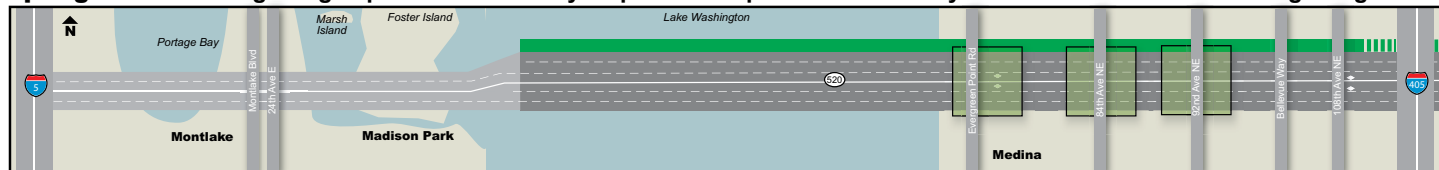


Opening the new bicycle/pedestrian path in phases

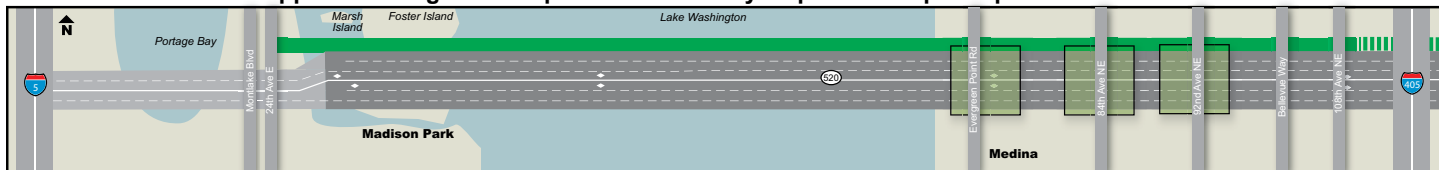
Early 2015: Bicycle/pedestrian path open from 108th Ave NE in Bellevue to Evergreen Point Rd in Medina



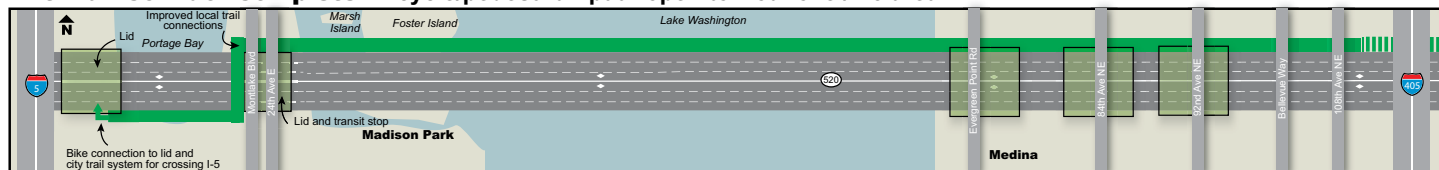
Spring 2016: Floating bridge open to traffic - Bicycle/pedestrian path extended only to the west end of the floating bridge



Summer 2017: West Approach Bridge North open to traffic - Bicycle/pedestrian path open to Montlake area



With full corridor complete: Bicycle/pedestrian path open to Roanoke / I-5 area



Legend: Old structure (grey), New structure (dark grey), Bicycle/pedestrian path (green), Future bike lanes (city of Bellevue) (green with vertical lines).

Eastside regional bicycle / pedestrian path

Crews with the SR 520 Eastside Transit and HOV Project have built the first section of the new path – between Evergreen Point Road in Medina and 108th Avenue Northeast in Bellevue. WSDOT has partnered with the city of Bellevue to extend the path from 108th Avenue Northeast to the existing SR 520 trail east of I-405.

West side regional bicycle / pedestrian path

When the West Approach Bridge North opens to traffic in 2017, the new regional path will extend from 108th Avenue Northeast in Bellevue, across Lake Washington, to the Montlake interchange in Seattle. The path will also connect to local trails in Seattle, such as the Burke-Gilman and the Washington Park Arboretum Waterfront Trail. Later, when the newly funded improvements from I-5 to Lake Washington are completed, the path will further extend from Montlake to I-5.

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